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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b),  
AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing date of the First Office Action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

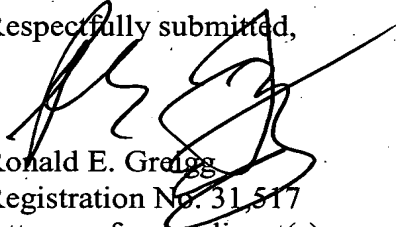
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The purpose of this invention is to enhance thermal efficiency of an engine and form a fuel injection valve in a small size, by lowering a nozzle needle to compress fuel while providing a check valve in a fuel passage between an oil reservoir and a high pressure port. A nozzle needle 36, being lifted, conducts a jet 41 to and disconnects it from an oil reservoir 38 provided in a nozzle body 35. A fuel injection valve compresses fuel in the nozzle body 35 by lowering the nozzle needle 36 while provides a check valve 47 in a fuel passage 41 between

the oil reservoir 38 and a high pressure port 24. The nozzle needle 36 is lifted by switching high and low pressure of oil. In this way, the fuel injection valve can be formed in a small size by enhancing thermal efficiency of an engine.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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